

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable State Profile

CONNECTICUT

State Fruit & Vegetable Production

13,329 Acres of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts

\$2.6 M Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts Exports

State Fruit & Vegetable Businesses & Workforce

1,769 Farms

8,356 Farm Employees



20% INCREASE nationwide in H2A workers in **2018**

58 Produce Shippers, Wholesalers & Businesses

\$500 M

INCREASE

IN AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS OF FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND TREE NUTS

EXPECTED NATIONWIDE IN FY 2019

Opportunities to Increase Fruit & Vegetable Consumption

87

schools and growing have received salad bars through the industry's investment in the **United Fresh Start Foundation** and **Salad Bars to School Initiative**

87%

of schools need **Updated Kitchen Equipment**

ONLY 12%

of adults across Connecticut are meeting the **Dietary Guidelines for Americans** recommendations for fruit and vegetable consumption

Federal Investments in Fruits & Vegetables



93 M

annual servings of fruits & vegetables served through the **National School Lunch** program

\$430 K

in fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for participants in the **Women, Infants and Children program (WIC)** FY 2018

\$2.6 M

in **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)** to **88 schools** annually

Total Market Access Program (MAP) Funding for Specialty Crops

\$53M

FY 2016

\$3.4 M

in **Specialty Crop Block Grants** through

78 total block grants

FY 2008-2017

\$125 K

value in **Pest & Disease Grants**

FY 2018